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In re Application of :  
Harris et al. : LETTER REGARDING  
Application No. 10/717,217 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
Filed: November 18, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. :  
1000141-00155 / 1412E :

This letter is in response to the "LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT AT ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO COMMENT 43 OF THE FINAL RULE," filed on December 12, 2008. Applicants request, pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor, that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy.

The request for review of patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is 493 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On October 30, 2008,<sup>1</sup> the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is five hundred thirty-two (532) days. The instant request for review of patent term adjustment was timely filed.<sup>2</sup>

Applicants state that the PTA calculation appears to be longer than appropriate. Applicants state, specifically, that the PTA calculation should be reviewed with respect to the Notice to

<sup>1</sup> The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) was remailed on December 12, 2008, again stating that the patent term adjustment to date was 532 days.

<sup>2</sup> PALM Records indicate that the issue fee was paid on December 24, 2008.

File Missing Parts mailed on March 3, 2004, and the reply thereto filed on July 12, 2004.

A review of the record reveals that Applicants should have been assessed an additional delay of 39 days. On March 3, 2004, the Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed. On July 12, 2004, a reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was filed, with a certificate of mailing date of July 8, 2004, three (3) months and 39 days after the mailing of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

37 CFR 1.704(b) states, in pertinent part that:

An applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed.

37 CFR 1.703(f) states, in pertinent part that:

The term of a patent entitled to adjustment under § 1.702 and this section shall be adjusted for the sum of the periods calculated under paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section, to the extent that such periods are not overlapping, less the sum of the periods calculated under § 1.704. The date indicated on any certificate of mailing or transmission under § 1.8 shall not be taken into account in this calculation.

Therefore, Applicants should have been assessed a reduction in patent term adjustment for the period of delay beginning on June 4, 2004, (the day after the day three (3) months from the date that the Notice to File

Missing Parts was mailed on March 3, 2004, to July 12, 2004 (the date the reply was filed), or 39 days.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is four hundred ninety-three (493) days (717 days of Office delay, reduced by 224 (185+39) days of Applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicant's favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks Applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this matter to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. The application is thereby forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Douglas I. Wood, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-2231.



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Encl: Revised PALM Calculation

# PALM INTRANET

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## PTA Calculations for Application: 10/717217

Application Filing Date:	11/18/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	717
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	185
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	493
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-39		

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